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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)

MUR 4719

New Jersey Republican State Committee and)

H. George Buckwald, as treasurer)

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

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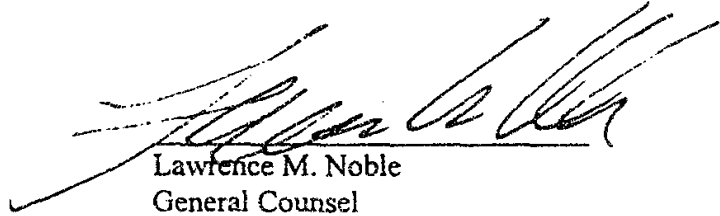
On January 25, 1999, the Commission found probable cause to believe that the New Jersey Republican State Committee and H. George Buckwald, as treasurer (the "Committee"), violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a and 441b and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a)(1)(i) and 106.5(g)(1)(i) in connection with the miscalculation of the Committee's 1995 and 1996 ballot composition ratios. On the same date, the Commission approved a conciliation agreement

Accordingly, further attempts at conciliation at this juncture appear to be futile and this Office recommends that the Commission authorize the Office of General Counsel to file a civil suit for relief in United States District Court against the New Jersey Republican State Committee and H. George Buckwald, as treasurer.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reject the counterproposal of the New Jersey Republican State Committee and H. George Buckwald, as treasurer.
2. Authorize the Office of General Counsel to file a civil suit for relief in United States District Court against the New Jersey Republican State Committee and H. George Buckwald, as treasurer.
3. Approve the appropriate letter.

5/6/99
Date


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